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II. Claim Amendments

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)

7. (Currently Amended) A Nucleotide sequence harbouring the promoter controlling the expression of the *apxIV* gene.

8. (Currently Amended) The nucleotide sequence according to eClaim 7, characterized in that it comprises the DNA fragment from position 451 to 1132 of SEQ ID NO: 5 or a subfragment thereof still having promoter activity.

9. (Currently Amended) The nucleotide sequence according to eClaim 7, characterized in that it comprises the DNA fragment FROM POSITION 617 TO 641 OF SEQ ID NO:5.

Claims 10-19 (Cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer)